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Title: HYBRID ELECTRICAL VEHICLE EMPLOYING PERMANENT  
MAGNETIC TYPE DYNAMO-ELECTRIC MACHINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 11, 12, 15, 16 and amend the remaining claims as follows: (A copy of the marked-up version of amended claim 2, 5, 8, 9, 13 and 17 are attached to this Preliminary Amendment).

2. (Amended) A hybrid electric vehicle employing a permanent magnet type dynamo-electric machine as claimed in claim 5, wherein a shape in a circumferential direction of said rotor at each pole is nonsymmetrical so that the